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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT)

SUBJECT: Satellite Inspection

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Reference: Memo thru Dir ARPA for DERA&E fr ASAF(R&D), dtd
5 Apr 60, subj as above.

This office concurs with your recommendation for the initiation of an engineering feasibility demonstration program for a co-orbital satellite inspector. We believe that this program should proceed at an orderly pace on a strictly research and development basis. It is also premature at this time to program for more than the co-orbiting experiments with simple payloads and the development (but not necessarily flight testing) of critical components of a prototype system.

After examining the ARPA-Air Force relationships in the program proposed in the referenced memorandum, we believe that it is more appropriate for the Air Force to administer and finance this program on its own rather than jointly with ARPA. Funds for the program should come from Air Force projects of lesser priority.

The Air Force should submit a development plan for DERA&E approval which follows the guidelines indicated in this memorandum.

for Herbert F. York

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